

Application No. 10/508,451
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the final Office Action mailed August 18, 2009 and the telephonic interview on October 1, 2009. The status of the application is as follows:

- Claims 1-20 are pending, and claims 1, 11 and 12 have been amended;
- Claims 1, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112; first paragraph;
- Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Stadler (US 2002/0016548).

The rejections are discussed below.

Pursuant to the telephonic interview on October 1, 2009, applicant submits herein amendment to the claims which the Examiner stated would overcome the above-noted 35 U.S.C. 112 and 102 rejections. It is applicant's understanding that the Office has agreed to enter the subject After Final Amendment unless additional relevant prior art is found. Accordingly, applicant requests entry of the amendment and allowance of the application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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